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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM TO COMMEMORATE
ANNIVERSART OF MARSHALL PLAN

1. AT JULY 20 COUNCIL MEETING SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED
PLANS TO COLLABORATE WITH GEORGE MARSHALL FOUNDATION IN
HOSTING SYMPOSIUM TO COMMEMORATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HARVARD SPEECH LAUNCHING THE MARSHALL PLAN. A
COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIRRED BY AMBASSADOR LINCOLN GORDON AND
ROBERT MARJOLIN, HAS BEEN SET UP TO PLAN THE SYMPOSIUM.

2. AT PRESENT THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS ARE TENTATIVE-
LY ENVISAGED:

-- THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE HELD AT THE OECD
IN JUNE 1977, POSSIBLY ON JUNE 2 AND 3;

-- 200 TO 250 PERSONS, INCLUDING MARSHALL
PLAN "VETERANS" AND MEMBERS OF YOUNGER
GENERATION, WOULD ATTEND, CHOSEN FROM
NATIONAL LISTS BY THE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN
AND THE OECD SECRETARY GENERAL;

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-- THE MAIN THEME WOULD BE "FROM MARSHALL

PLAN TO GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE: NEW
CHALLENGES FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS";

-- THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO
SESSIONS, BUILT AROUND THE FOLLOWING SUB-
THEMES: "INTERDEPENDENCE IN THE INDUSTRIAL-
IZED WORLD" (COVERING ECONOMIC RELATIONS
AMONG THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) AND "THE
INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES AND THE WORLD ECONOMY"
(INCLUDING NORTH/SOUTH AND EAST/WEST ECONOMIC
RELATIONS);

-- PRIOR TO THE SYMPOSIUM EXPERTS WOULD BE
ASKED TO PREPARE ESSAYS ON THE SUBJECTS TO
BE COVERED; THE ESSAYS WOULD BE REVISED
AFTER THE CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF THE
DISCUSSIONS THERE AND PUBLISHED AS A BOOK.

3. OECD PARTICIPATION WOULD CONSIST OF FACILITATING
REPRODUCTION AND TRANSLATION OF PAPERS, PROVISION OF
CONFERENCE ROOMS, INTERPRETERS, ETC., AND ISSUANCE OF
INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS. IN ADDITION OECD WOULD
WISH TO OFFER OFFICIAL DINNER FOLLOWING FIRST DAY TO
WHICH IT WOULD HOPE TO INVITE "HEADS OF MEMBERS OF
GOVERNMENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE" AS WELL AS BUFFET
LUNCH ON SECOND DAY. SECRETARIAT ANTICIPATES TOTAL
COST TO THE OECD OF BACKSTOPPING THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD
BE 40,000 TO 50,000 FRENCH FRANCS, WHICH IT PLANS TO
INCLUDE IN 1977 OECD BUDGET.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHETHER
SECRETARIAT VIEWED THIS AS "OFFICIAL" 30TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION, SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE
PRIVATE EVENT IN SENSE THAT NEITHER SECRETARIAT NOR
GOVERNMENTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATION OF PAPERS.
SECGEN CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT GOVERN-
MENTS LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO SYMPOSIUM THROUGH OECD.
SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO FIX
TIMING OF SYMPOSIUM SO THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING,
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COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY.
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